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## ABSTRACT

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## A. Introduction

Loran-C position determination programs for the Hewlett-Packard HP-67 programmable calculator for use aboard U. S. Navy patrol aircraft (P-3) have been prepared and are reported elsewhere [Ref. 1]. During the development and testing of the HP-67 programs the need for a high accuracy program for cross checking purposes arose. The program presented here was developed as a refinement of the HP-67 algorithm.

The basic methodology of this program is contained in the formulas of Paul D. Thomas [Ref. 2] for the *direct* and *reverse* problems of oblate spheroidal geodesy. The *direct* problem is to determine the latitude and longitude of a point  $P_2$  when the latitude and longitude of a point  $P_1$  as well as the azimuth and distance of  $P_2$  from  $P_1$  are known. The *reverse* (or *inverse*) problem is to determine the distance, forward azimuth, and backward azimuth between two points,  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , when the latitude and longitude of both  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are known. In both problems  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are on the surface of a spheroid. Unfortunately, Thomas' algorithms contain several restrictions and numerous subcases that are too awkward to be programmed on the HP-67. For this reason portions of these algorithms were rewritten so as to eliminate all of the original restrictions and subcases. These modified algorithms for the *direct* and *reverse* problems are presented here with notations about the modifications made.

## B. Loran-C Fixing Algorithms

The principles of Loran lines of position (LOP's) and fixing are adequately covered in Reference 3 and will not be repeated here.

The basic Loran-C equation [Ref. 4] can be written as

$$T = [T_S + p(T_S)] - [T_M + p(T_M)] + [T_B + p(T_B)] + \delta \quad (1)$$

where

$T$  is the "indicated time difference" in microseconds,

$T_M$  is the distance, in microseconds, from the master to the receiver,

$T_S$  is the distance, in microseconds, from the slave to the receiver,

$T_B$  is the distance, in microseconds, between the master and the slave,

$\delta$  is the assigned coding delay, in microseconds,

and  $p(T)$  is the secondary phase correction, in microseconds, for a surface water path of length  $T$ .

The quantity

$$\Delta t = [T_B + p(T_B)] + \delta$$

is a constant for each master/slave pair. The following World Geodetic System 1972 (WGS 72) values have been adopted for Loran-C navigation [Ref. 4]:

$v_0 = 299792458$  meters/second is the velocity of light in free space,

$\eta = 1.000338$  is the index of refraction of the surface of the earth for standard atmosphere and 100 kHz electromagnetic waves,

$a_e = 6378135.000$  meters is the equatorial radius  
of the earth

and  $f = 1/298.26$  is the flattening factor ( $1-b/a_e$ ,  
where  $b$  is the polar radius) of the earth.

With these parameters the secondary phase correction for  
an all seawater path has been taken to be of the form

$$p(T) = a_0/T + a_1 + a_2T \quad (2)$$

where  $T$  is in microseconds and,

1. For  $T > 537 \mu\text{sec}$ :

$$a_0 = 129.04398,$$

$$a_1 = -0.40758,$$

$$\text{and } a_2 = 0.00064576438.$$

2. For  $T < 537 \mu\text{sec}$ :

$$a_0 = 2.7412979,$$

$$a_1 = -0.011402,$$

$$\text{and } a_2 = 0.00032774624.$$

If one uses a spherical approximation to the earth's  
surface ( $f = 0$ ), then a spherical hyperbola can be represented  
by the equation [Ref. 3, page 175]

$$\tan r = 2 \frac{\cos 2a - \cos 2c}{\sin 2c \cos \omega + \zeta \sin 2a} \quad (3)$$

where the origin of the coordinate system is at the prime  
focus of the spherical hyperbola,  $2c$  is the spherical arc  
joining the foci,  $2a$  is a constant for any one hyperbola,  
and  $r$  and  $\omega$  are the spherical coordinates of a point on the

hyperbola. If the base line of the coordinate system is the arc joining the foci then  $\omega$  is the spherical polar angle from the baseline to a point P on the spherical hyperbola and  $r$  is spherical polar distance (or arc) from the prime focus to P. Using the Loran system we take  $\zeta = +1$  if the prime focus is at a master station and we take  $\zeta = -1$  if the prime focus is at a slave station.

If we take  $v = v_0/\eta$  to be the velocity of 100kHz electromagnetic radiation at the earth's surface then, for a spherical earth, we can relate the parameters in Equations 1 and 3 as follows:

$$2c = vT_B/a_e,$$

and

$$2a = v(T_S - T_M)/a_e.$$

Using the spherical approximation for now, we see that  $2c$  is known for any Loran pair. The "indicated time delay"  $T$  is measured by the receiver at point P, and to determine a hyperbolic line of position we must determine  $2a$ , but  $T_S - T_M$  cannot be computed from Equations 1 and 2. If  $a_0$  were zero in Equation 2, then it would be possible to determine  $T_S - T_M$  uniquely. As a first approximation we use the following parameters in Equation 2:

$$a_0 = 0,$$

$$a_1 = -0.321,$$

and

$$a_2 = 0.000635.$$

These values have been obtained by setting  $a_0 = 0$  and determining

$a_1$  and  $a_2$  by linear regression of the  $T > 537$  values over the interval of  $1000 < T < 8000$ . This approximation is quite good (within  $0.03 \mu\text{s}$ ) for distances up to 10,000 microseconds where small changes in the LOP's can cause large position errors. At short distances the error increases from  $0.05 \mu\text{s}$  at  $1000 \mu\text{s}$  to  $0.58 \mu\text{s}$  at  $10 \mu\text{s}$ ; although these errors are large for small distances, the LOP's are not as sensitive to these changes as they would be at large distances. These errors are well within the 4 n.mi ( $24 \mu\text{s}$ ) accuracy that was requested by COMPATWINGSPAC. When this approximation is substituted into Equation 1, we obtain

$$[T_S + a_1 + a_2 T_S] - [T_M + a_1 + a_2 T_M] = T - \Delta t,$$

or

$$T_S - T_M = (T - \Delta t)/(1 + a_2) \quad (4)$$

and hence  $2a = v(T_S - T_M)/a_e$  is determined for use in the spherical approximation.

Consider a Loran-C triplet with the master stations collocated. Let  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  denote the azimuth angles of slave 1 ( $S_1$ ) and slave 2 ( $S_2$ ), respectively, measured from North toward the East from the master stations (M) (see Figure 1). Further, let  $\alpha$  and  $r$  be the azimuth and spherical polar arc (distance) of the receiver (R) from M. For this geometry, Equation 3 can be written in the form

$$\tan r_i = \frac{B_i}{C_i \cos(\alpha - \xi_i) + A_i}, \quad (5)$$

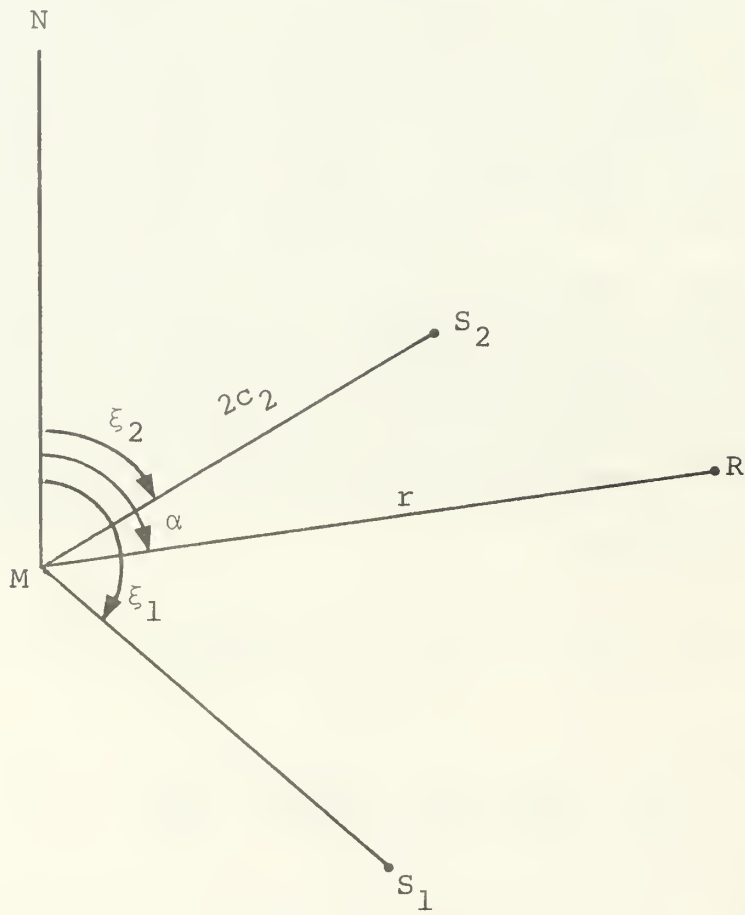


Figure 1. Geometry of a Loran Triplet and a Receiver.

where

$$A_i = \zeta_i \sin 2a_i,$$

$$B_i = \cos 2a_i - \cos 2c_i,$$

and 
$$C_i = \sin 2c_i$$

for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  Loran pair,  $i = 1, 2$ . Since  $r_1 = r_2 = r$ , we can eliminate  $\tan r$  between the two equations. The resulting equation can be rewritten as

$$C \cos \alpha + S \sin \alpha = K, \tag{6}$$

where

$$C = B_1 C_2 \cos \xi_2 - B_2 C_1 \cos \xi_1,$$

$$S = B_1 C_2 \sin \xi_2 - B_2 C_1 \sin \xi_1,$$

and 
$$K = B_2 A_1 - B_1 A_2.$$

If we define  $\rho > 0$  and  $\gamma$  by the equations

$$\rho \cos \gamma = C, \tag{7}$$

and 
$$\rho \sin \gamma = S,$$

then

$$\rho = \sqrt{C^2 + S^2},$$

and 
$$\gamma = \text{qatn}(S, C).$$

Here the function  $\text{qatn}(y, x)$  is the arctangent of  $y/x$  adjusted for the proper quadrant according to the signs of  $x$  and  $y$ .

A compact form of this function is

$$\text{qatn}(y,x) = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x + 10^{-9} t(x = 0?)} + \pi t(x < 0?)$$

where  $t(z) = 1$  when  $z$  is true  
and  $t(z) = 0$  when  $z$  is false.

When convenient we will use the notation  $\text{qatn}(y/x)$  interchangeably with  $\text{qatn}(y,x)$ . Now we can substitute Eq.(7) into Eq.(6) and solve for

$$\alpha = \gamma \pm \cos^{-1}(K/\rho) \quad (8)$$

to obtain the azimuth angle  $\alpha$  of the two points of intersection of the spherical hyperbolic LOP's. Finally we can obtain a value for  $r$  by substituting each  $\alpha$  into either Eq. (5). We find that

$$r = \text{qatn} \left[ \frac{B_i}{C_i \cos(\alpha - \xi_i) + A_i} \right] \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ or } 2.$$

To obtain the first solution,  $r$  and  $\alpha$  are entered into the "direct" solution algorithm; latitude  $\phi$  and longitude  $\lambda$  are the outputs.

The solution is improved using a two-variable Newton-Raphson search for the zeroes of the functions

$$f_i(\phi, \lambda) \equiv f_i = (d_{S_i} - d_M)/a_e - 2a_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2,$$

where  $d_M$ ,  $d_{S_1}$ , and  $d_{S_2}$  are the distances from  $R$  to  $M$ ,  $S_1$ , and  $S_2$ , respectively, and are computed using the "inverse" solution algorithm. The flow of the improvement algorithm follows:



1. Input the latest approximation to the receiver latitude  $\phi$  and longitude  $\lambda$ .
2. Compute  $d_M$ ,  $d_{S1}$  and  $d_{S2}$  using the "inverse" solution algorithm.
3. Compute  $T_M = d_M/v$  and  $T_{Si} = d_{Si}/v$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .
4. Compute  $T_{Si} - T_M = (T - \Delta t)_i - p(T_{Si}) + p(T_M)$  and  $2a_i = v(T_{Si} - T_M)/a_e$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .
5. Compute  $f_i(\phi, \lambda) = (d_{Si} - d_M)/a_e - 2a_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .
6. Compute

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \phi} = \frac{f_i(\phi + \Delta\phi, \lambda) - f_i(\phi, \lambda)}{\Delta\phi}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{f_i(\phi, \lambda + \Delta\lambda) - f_i(\phi, \lambda)}{\Delta\lambda} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2.$$

( $\Delta\lambda = \Delta\phi = 10^{-4}$  radians is used in the BASIC program.)

7. Replace  $\phi$  by

$$\phi - \left[ f_1 \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \lambda} - f_2 \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \lambda} \right] / J$$

and replace  $\lambda$  by

$$\lambda - \left[ f_1 \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \phi} - f_2 \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \phi} \right] / J$$

where

$$J = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \lambda} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \lambda} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \phi}$$

8. Repeat from Step 1 until  $\phi$  and  $\lambda$  are stationary.

### C. The Direct Solution Algorithm

This *direct* solution algorithm is a modification of the second order in flattening (f) algorithm given by Thomas [Ref. 2, pp. 7-8]. Thomas' notation has been followed as closely as possible for ease of comparison of the algorithms. The qatn function is defined in the previous section. West longitudes and South latitudes are negative. We are given the point  $P_1(\phi_1, \lambda_1)$  on the spheroid, where  $\phi_1, \lambda_1$  are the geodetic latitude and longitude (geographic coordinates); the forward azimuth  $\alpha_{12}$  and distance S to a second point  $P_2(\phi_2, \lambda_2)$ ; and from these we are to find the geographic coordinates  $\phi_2, \lambda_2$  and the back azimuth  $\alpha_{21}$ . The given quantities are  $\phi_1, \lambda_1, \alpha_{12}$  and S. No assumptions about the relative location of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are required. The modified *direct* solution algorithm is:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= \tan^{-1}[(1-f) \tan \phi_1], \quad M = \cos \theta_1 \sin \alpha_{12}, \\ N &= \cos \theta_1 \cos \alpha_{12}, \quad c_1 = fM, \quad c_2 = f(1-M^2)/4, \\ D &= (1 - c_2)(1 - c_2 - c_1M), \quad P = c_2[1 + (1/2)c_1M]/D, \\ \sigma_1 &= \text{qatn}(N, \sin \theta_1), \quad d = S/(a_e D), \\ u &= 2(\sigma_1 - d), \quad W = 1 - 2P \cos u, \quad V = \cos(u + d), \\ X &= c_2^2 \sin d \cos d (2V^2 - 1), \quad Y = 2PVW \sin d, \\ \Delta\sigma &= d + X - Y, \quad \Sigma\sigma = 2\sigma_1 - \Delta\sigma, \\ \alpha_{21} &= \text{qatn}[-M, -(N \cos \Delta\sigma - \sin \theta_1 \sin \Delta\sigma)] , \end{aligned}$$

$$K = (1-f) [M^2 + (N \cos \Delta\sigma - \sin \theta_1 \sin \Delta\sigma)^2]^{1/2} ,$$

$$\phi_2 = \tan^{-1} [(\sin \theta_1 \cos \Delta\sigma + N \sin \Delta\sigma)/K] ,$$

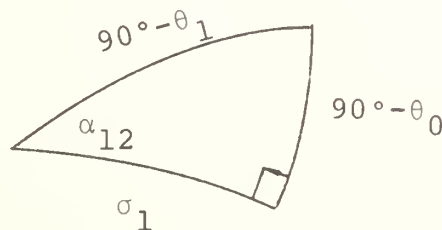
$$\Delta\eta = \text{qatn}(\sin \Delta\sigma \sin \alpha_{12}, \cos \theta_1 \cos \Delta\sigma - \sin \theta_1 \sin \Delta\sigma \cos \alpha_{12}) ,$$

$$H = c_1(1-c_2)\Delta\sigma - c_1c_2 \sin \Delta\sigma \cos \Sigma\sigma ,$$

$$\Delta\lambda = \Delta\eta - H, \quad \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 + \Delta\lambda$$

In addition to the introduction of the qatn function for proper quadrant determination the following changes have been made to the original algorithm:

1.  $\theta_0$  is no longer computed from the equation  $M = \cos \theta_0$ . Since  $P_1$  is no longer required to be westerly of  $P_2$ ,  $\alpha_{12}$  is no longer required to lie in the interval  $[0, 180^\circ]$ . Consequently  $M$ , which was originally required to be positive, can be negative. With this change  $\theta_0$  was no longer properly determined from  $M = \cos \theta_0$ .
2. With the elimination of  $\theta_0$  the determination of  $\sigma_1$  from the equation  $\cos \sigma_1 = \cos \theta_1 / \sin \theta_0$  became impossible. The following figure shows the spherical triangle involving  $\sigma_1$  and  $\theta_0$ .



Using the "4-parts formula" [Ref. 5, pg. 12] we can determine  $\sigma_1$  directly from the equation

$$\sigma_1 = \text{qatn}(\cos \theta_1 \cos \alpha_{12}, \sin \theta_1)$$

3. The original equation for  $\phi_2$ ,

$$\tan \phi_2 = -(\sin \theta_1 \cos \Delta\sigma + N \sin \Delta\sigma) \sin \alpha_{21}/(1-f)M$$

becomes indeterminate when  $\alpha_{12} = 0^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$  since both  $M$  and  $\sin \alpha_{21}$  become zero simultaneously.

From the equation for  $\alpha_{21}$  one can determine that

$$\sin \alpha_{21} = -M/[M^2 + (N \cos \Delta\sigma - \sin \theta_1 \sin \Delta\sigma)^2]^{1/2}.$$

Using this equation to eliminate  $\sin \alpha_{21}$  in the equation for  $\tan \phi_2$  allows the  $M$  in the numerator and denominator to cancel thus eliminating the indeterminacy in the equation for  $\phi_2$ .

With these changes the restrictions that  $P_1$  be West of  $P_2$ , and that if  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  both have negative latitude the symmetric positive latitude problem be solved, have been eliminated. Also eliminated are rules for the determination of the quadrants of  $\alpha_{21}$  and  $\Delta\eta$ .

#### D. The Reverse (Inverse) Solution Algorithm

This *reverse* solution algorithm is a modification of the second order in flattening ( $f$ ) algorithm given by Thomas [Ref. 2, pp. 8-10]. Thomas' notation has been followed as closely as possible for ease of comparison of the algorithms. The  $\text{qatn}$  function is defined in Section B. West longitudes ( $\lambda$ ) and

South latitudes ( $\phi$ ) are negative. We are given the points  $P_1(\phi_1, \lambda_1)$ ,  $P_2(\phi_2, \lambda_2)$  on the spheroid and are to find the distance  $S$  between the points and the forward and back azimuths,  $\alpha_{12}$  and  $\alpha_{21}$ . Given quantities are  $\phi_1$ ,  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\phi_2$  and  $\lambda_2$ . No assumptions about the relative location of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are required. The modified *reverse* solution algorithm is:

$$\theta_i = \tan^{-1}[(1-f) \tan \phi_i], \quad i = 1, 2,$$

$$\theta_m = (\theta_1 + \theta_2)/2, \quad \Delta\theta_m = (\theta_2 - \theta_1)/2, \quad \Delta\lambda = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1,$$

$$\Delta\lambda_m = \Delta\lambda/2, \quad H = \cos^2 \Delta\theta_m - \sin^2 \theta_m = \cos^2 \theta_m - \sin^2 \Delta\theta_m = \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2$$

$$L = \sin^2 \Delta\theta_m + H \sin^2 \Delta\lambda_m = \sin^2(d/2),$$

$$1-L = \cos^2(d/2), \quad d = \cos^{-1}(1-2L),$$

$$U = 2 \sin^2 \theta_m \cos^2 \Delta\theta_m / (1-L), \quad V = 2 \sin^2 \Delta\theta_m \cos^2 \theta_m / L,$$

$$X = U + V, \quad Y = U - V, \quad T = d/\sin d, \quad D = 4T^2,$$

$$E = 2 \cos d, \quad A = DE, \quad B = 2D, \quad C = T - (A-E)/2$$

$$n_1 = X(A+CX), \quad n_2 = Y(B+EY), \quad n_3 = DXY,$$

$$\delta_1 d = f(TX-Y)/4, \quad \delta_2 d = f^2(n_1 - n_2 + n_3)/64,$$

$$S = a_e(T - \delta_1 d + \delta_2 d) \sin d, \quad F = 2Y - E(4-X)$$

$$M = 32T - (20T-A)X - (B+4)Y,$$

$$G = fT/2 + f^2 M/64, \quad Q = -(FG \tan \Delta\lambda)/4,$$

$$\Delta\lambda'_m = (\Delta\lambda + Q)/2,$$

$$t_1 = \text{qatn}(-\sin \Delta\theta_m \cos \Delta\lambda'_m, \cos \theta_m \sin \Delta\lambda'_m),$$

$$t_2 = \text{qatn}(\cos \Delta\theta_m \cos \Delta\lambda'_m, \sin \theta_m \sin \Delta\lambda'_m),$$

$$\alpha_{12} = t_1 + t_2, \quad \alpha_{21} = t_1 - t_2$$

The only changes made to the original algorithm are the computation of  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  and the determination of  $\alpha_{12}$  and  $\alpha_{21}$  as the sum and difference of  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ . Minor though these changes may seem, they have eliminated the requirement that  $P_1$  is West of  $P_2$  and they have eliminated four cases for the quadrant determination of  $\alpha_{12}$  and  $\alpha_{21}$ . Quadrant determination is still required, but it is implemented with the `qatn` function; the `qatn` function is available on the better handheld calculators in the form of the rectangular-to-polar function.

#### E. Program Accuracy

Several programs were written for the Commodore 2001 computer. One program implemented only the *direct* and *reverse* solution algorithms presented in the previous two sections. Initially these algorithms were validated against the long line computations with the Clarke 1866 spheroid model presented in Reference 2. Later the *reverse* solution algorithm was compared with the WGS 72 data for 40 Loran-C pairs contained in Reference 4 (data for the 9930 stations were not included). In these comparisons the algorithm error for the baseline distances was 0.16 meters high for the 7980W pair and 0.15 meters low for the 7980Y pair. For the remaining stations all of the baseline errors were high, but the largest error

was only 0.08 meters. It should be mentioned that the Micro-soft BASIC for the Commodore 2001 carries 10 digits of floating point internally, but will display only a maximum of nine digits; the baselines reported in Reference 4 are printed to the nearest 0.0001 meters. The computed one way baseline time plus secondary phase correction was also computed and compared to the 40 Loran-C pairs data. In three cases the algorithm was high by 0.01  $\mu$ s, in three cases the algorithm was low by 0.01  $\mu$ s, and there was no error in the remaining cases.

Another program was used to generate the indicated time delay between Loran-C pairs and test positions for a receiver. Combining the time delay for Loran-C pairs into allowable triplets enabled the position fixing program in the Appendix to be evaluated. Typical results are presented in Table I. In all cases the Commodore 2001, running at BASIC interpreter speed required 8 seconds from entry of the time delay input to the display of the first pair of solutions. The improvement algorithm will improve only one user selected solution. Each iteration requires 14.4 seconds, and each improvement is displayed so that the user can monitor the improvement process. Usually the solution has stabilized after two iterations, but occasionally a third iteration is generated. In Table I the worst fix took six iterations for the triplet comprised of pairs 9930W and 9930X where the radial position error is 0.91 n.mi. In fairness to the algorithm it should be noted that the three stations are 776 n.mi, 2130 n.mi, and 2514 n.mi from the receiver and are all within  $6^{\circ}$  of azimuth as viewed from the receiver.

Table I

Receiver Location:  $52^{\circ}\text{N}$ ,  $35^{\circ}\text{W}$ 

Station Pair	Computed Delay	Station Pair	Computed Delay
7970W	32845.12	7930W	16673.77
7970X	18889.03	7930X	30899.81
9930W	16067.09	7930Z	49369.30
9930X	28012.61		

Triad	First Solution	Improved Solution	No. Iter.
7970W/7970X	$52^{\circ}00'14''\text{N}$ , $34^{\circ}59'34''\text{W}$	$52^{\circ}00'00''.14\text{N}$ , $34^{\circ}59'59''.66\text{W}$	2
9930W/9930X	$51^{\circ}56'13''\text{N}$ , $35^{\circ}21'23''\text{W}$	$51^{\circ}59'45''.25\text{N}$ , $35^{\circ}01'25''.37\text{W}$	6
7930W/7930X	$52^{\circ}00'01''\text{N}$ , $35^{\circ}00'01''\text{W}$	$51^{\circ}59'59''.69\text{N}$ , $35^{\circ}00'00''.02\text{W}$	2
7930W/7930Z	$52^{\circ}00'01''\text{N}$ , $35^{\circ}00'01''\text{W}$	$52^{\circ}00'00''.03\text{N}$ , $35^{\circ}00'00''.07\text{W}$	2
7930X/7930Z	$52^{\circ}00'01''\text{N}$ , $35^{\circ}00'01''\text{W}$	$52^{\circ}00'00''.00\text{N}$ , $34^{\circ}59'59''.96\text{W}$	2
7930X/7970W	$52^{\circ}00'04''\text{N}$ , $34^{\circ}59'57''\text{W}$	$52^{\circ}00'00''.01\text{N}$ , $34^{\circ}59'59''.96\text{W}$	2
7930Z/9930X	$51^{\circ}59'52''\text{N}$ , $34^{\circ}59'26''\text{W}$	$51^{\circ}59'59''.60\text{N}$ , $34^{\circ}59'58''.27\text{W}$	2



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APPENDIX. BASIC Program Listing

This appendix contains the listing of the BASIC position fixing program for the Commodore 2001. A number of the cursor control and formatting symbols on the listing require explanation. These symbols are given below by line number at first occurrence.

- 130 Reverse field 'heart' means 'clear the screen'
- 130 Reverse field 'Q' means 'move cursor down'
- 250 Reverse field 'R' means 'turn on field reverse'
- 250 Reverse field '\_' means 'turn off field reverse'
- 250 Use of the field reverse symbols highlights the 'Y' in 'YES' and the 'N' in 'NO' to prompt the user to type a 'Y' or 'N' on the keyboard. Similar highlighting is used on lines 390, 790, 800 and 810
- 740 CHR\$(34) generates the double quote symbol to designate 'seconds of arc'
- 740 The symbol between the double quotes which are between N\$(1) and N\$(2) is used to designate '°', the 'degrees of arc' symbol
- 910 The first symbol following the double quote means 'move cursor up', and the next symbols each mean 'move cursor right'

The DATA statements on lines 50001 through 50044 contain the pertinent parameters for each Loran-C pair. The fields contain:

1. The Loran-C station pair designator.
2.  $\Delta t$ , the sum of the coding delay plus one way baseline time, including the secondary phase correction for an all seawater path, in microseconds.
3. The master station latitude.
4. The master station longitude.
5. The slave station latitude.
6. The slave station longitude.

Negative longitudes are West longitudes. The latitudes and longitudes appear to be in decimal form, but the actual format is DDD.MMSSFF where

DDD designates degrees,

MM designates minutes,

SS designates seconds,

and FF designates hundredths of seconds.

50001 DATA 4990X,15972.23,16.444395,-169.303120,20.144916,-155.530970  
50002 DATA 4990Y,34253.18,16.444395,-169.303120,28.234177,-178.173020  
50003 DATA 5930X,13131.88,46.482720,-067.553771,41.151193,-069.583909  
50004 DATA 5930Y,28755.02,46.482720,-067.553771,46.463218,-053.102816  
50005 DATA 5990X,13343.60,51.575878,-122.220224,55.262085,-131.151965  
50006 DATA 5990Y,28927.36,51.575878,-122.220224,47.034799,-119.443953  
50007 DATA 5990Z,42266.63,51.575878,-122.220224,50.362972,-127.212935  
50008 DATA 7930W,15068.02,59.591727,-045.102747,64.542658,-023.552175  
50009 DATA 7930X,27803.77,59.591727,-045.102747,62.175968,-007.042671  
50010 DATA 7930Z,48212.20,59.591727,-045.102747,46.463218,-053.102816  
50011 DATA 7960X,13804.45,63.194281,-142.483190,57.262021,-152.221122  
50012 DATA 7960Y,29651.14,63.194281,-142.483190,55.262085,-131.151965  
50013 DATA 7970W,30065.64,62.175968,-007.042671,54.482980,+008.173633  
50014 DATA 7970X,15048.10,62.175968,-007.042671,68.380615,+014.274700  
50015 DATA 7970Y,48944.53,62.175968,-007.042671,64.542658,-023.552175  
50016 DATA 7970Z,63216.30,62.175968,-007.042671,70.545261,-008.435869  
50017 DATA 7980W,12809.54,30.593874,-085.100930,30.433302,-090.494360  
50018 DATA 7980X,27443.38,30.593874,-085.100930,26.315501,-097.500009  
50019 DATA 7980Y,45201.88,30.593874,-085.100930,27.015849,-080.065352  
50020 DATA 7980Z,61542.72,30.593874,-085.100930,34.034604,-077.544676  
50021 DATA 7990X,12755.97,38.522061,016.430596,35.312088,012.312996  
50022 DATA 7990Y,32273.30,38.522061,016.430596,40.582095,027.520152  
50023 DATA 7990Z,50999.69,38.522061,016.430596,42.033649,003.121590  
50024 DATA 8970W,14355.11,39.510754,-087.291214,30.593874,-085.100930  
50025 DATA 8970X,31162.06,39.510754,-087.291214,42.425060,-076.493386  
50026 DATA 8970Y,47753.74,39.510754,-087.291214,48.364984,-094.331847  
50027 DATA 9930W,13695.51,34.034604,-077.544676,27.015849,-080.065352  
50028 DATA 9930X,36389.66,34.034604,-077.544676,46.463218,-053.102816  
50029 DATA 9930Y,52541.31,34.034604,-077.544676,41.151193,-069.583909  
50030 DATA 9930Z,68560.72,34.034604,-077.544676,39.510754,-087.291214  
50031 DATA 9940W,13796.90,39.330662,-118.495637,47.034799,-119.443953  
50032 DATA 9940X,28094.50,39.330662,-118.495637,38.465699,-122.294453  
50033 DATA 9940Y,41967.30,39.330662,-118.495637,35.191818,-114.481743  
50034 DATA 9960W,13797.20,42.425060,-076.493386,46.482720,-067.553771  
50035 DATA 9960X,26969.93,42.425060,-076.493386,41.151193,-069.583909  
50036 DATA 9960Y,42221.65,42.425060,-076.493386,34.034604,-077.544676  
50037 DATA 9960Z,57162.06,42.425060,-076.493386,39.510754,-087.291214  
50038 DATA 9970W,15283.94,24.48041,141.19290,24.17077,153.58515  
50039 DATA 9970X,36685.12,24.48041,141.19290,42.443700,143.430906  
50040 DATA 9970Y,59463.18,24.48041,141.19290,26.362499,128.085621  
50041 DATA 9970Z,80746.79,24.48041,141.19290,09.324566,138.095523  
50042 DATA 9990X,14875.32,57.090988,-170.145981,52.494505,+173.105231  
50043 DATA 9990Y,32069.09,57.090988,-170.145981,65.144012,-166.531447  
50044 DATA 9990Z,46590.10,57.090988,-170.145981,57.262021,-152.221122

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10 REM LORAN NAVIGATION: 01-13-80. REV 03-18-80. R. SHUDDIE
20 NP=44:REM NUMBER OF LORAN PAIRS ABOARD.
30 DIM ID$(NP),DT(NP),PS(2,2,NP):REM 1ST ARG=LAT, LONG, 2ND ARG=(M),(S), 3RD=ID
40 TP=PI+PI/180:DEFFN(X)=SIN(X*PI):DEFFN(X)=COS(X*PI):DEFFN(X)=TAN(X*PI)
50 DEFFN(X)=X-360*INT(X/360):DEFFN(X)=INT(100*X+.5)/100
60 FL=1/298.26:AE=6378135:CC=299792.45863:REM AE IN METERS, CC IN M/SEC
70 AE=AE/CC*1E6:REM AE IS IN MICROSECONDS
80 IR=1.000338:REM INDEX OF REFRACTION OF AIR
90 GM=.000634:REM SECONDARY PHASE APPROXIMATION
92 DEFFN(X)=129.04398/X-.40758+6.4576438E-4**X
94 DEFFN(X)=2.7412979/X-.011402+3.2774624E-4**X
100 AX=1+GM:AY=AE*IR
110 PRINT "*****"
120 FOR I=1 TO NP:READ ID$(I),DT(I):FOR J=1 TO 2:READ PS(J,K,I):NEXT J,K,I
130 PRINT " "
140 PRINT "*****INPUT THE ID'S OF THE LORAN PAIRS
150 PRINT "IN THE TRIPLET.
160 INPUT "0 1ST ID":M$(1):FOR I1=1 TO NP:IF ID$(I1)=M$(1) GOTO 180
170 NEXT I1:PRINT "0 THAT ID IS NOT IN THE CATALOG. PLEASE REENTER.":GOTO 160
180 INPUT "0 2ND ID":M$(2):FOR I2=1 TO NP:IF ID$(I2)=M$(2) GOTO 200
190 NEXT I2:PRINT "0 THAT ID IS NOT IN THE CATALOG. PLEASE REENTER.":GOTO 180
200 PRINT "*****TAB(6):"YOUR STATION ID'S ARE *****
210 FOR I=1 TO 2:PRINT TAB(13);M$(I):NEXT I
220 PRINT TAB(8):"*****CORRECTIONS?"
230 PRINT TAB(11):"*****YES OR NO.
240 ID$(1)=I1:ID$(2)=I2
250 GET G#:IF G#="" GOTO 250
260 IF G#="N" THEN PRINT "0
270 IF G#="Y" GOTO 250
280 GOTO 130
290 REM DETERMINE CO-LOCATED STATIONS
300 IF PS(1,1,I1)=PS(1,1,I2) AND PS(2,1,I1)=PS(2,1,I2) THEN L1=1:L2=1:GOTO 430

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OK" : GOTO 300

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310 IFPS(1,2,11)=PS(1,2,12)ANDPS(2,2,11)=PS(2,2,12)THENL1=-1:L2=-1:GOTO430
320 IFPS(1,1,11)=PS(1,2,12)ANDPS(2,1,11)=PS(2,2,12)THENL1=1:L2=-1:GOTO430
330 IFPS(1,2,11)=PS(1,1,12)ANDPS(2,2,11)=PS(2,1,12)THENL1=-1:L2=1:GOTO430
340 PRINT"*****YOUR LORAN STATIONS*****"
350 FORI=1T02:PRINTTAB(13);M#(I):NEXTI:PRINT"*****DO NOT FORM A LORAN TRIPLET."
360 PRINT"*****CANNOT CONTINUE."
370 PRINT"*****PRESS RE TO CONTINUE OR RE TO END."
380 GETG#:IFG#=" "GOTO380
390 IFG#="C"GOTO130
400 IFG#="E"GOTO380
410 END
420 REM SET UP TRIPLET AND COMPUTE BASELINES
430 K1=1:K2=2:IFL1<0THENK1=2:K2=1
440 X=0:FORI=K1TOK2STEPK2-K1
450 L=PS(1,I,11):GOSUB1290:PH(X)=L:L=PS(2,I,11):GOSUB1290:LM(X)=L:X=X+1:NEXTI
460 K1=2:IFL2<0THENK1=1
470 L=PS(1,K1,12):GOSUB1290:PH(2)=L
480 L=PS(2,K1,12):GOSUB1290:LM(2)=L
490 H%=0:K1=0:FORK2=1T02:GOSUB1150:Q2(K2)=S2/AE:A2(K2)=A(1):I%=ID%(K2)
500 LB(K2)=100*INT((DT(I2)-S2)/100+.5):UB(K2)=LB(K2)+2*(DT(I2)-LB(K2)):NEXTK2
510 REM COMPUTE TWO SOLUTIONS
520 PRINT"*****"
530 PRINT"INPUT TIME FOR ";ID%(I1):INPUTIT(1)
540 IFLB(1)<=IT(1)ANDIT(1)<=UB(1)GOTO560
550 PRINTIT(1):"IS NOT VALID. PLEASE RE-ENTER.M":GOTO530
560 PRINT"INPUT TIME FOR ";ID%(I2):INPUTIT(2)
570 IFLB(2)<=IT(2)ANDIT(2)<=UB(2)GOTO590
580 PRINTIT(2):"IS NOT VALID. PLEASE RE-ENTER.M":GOTO560
590 Q2(1)=L1*(IT(1)-DT(I1))/AY:Q2(2)=L2*(IT(2)-DT(I2))/AY
600 A2(1)=Q2(1)/AX:A2(2)=Q2(2)/AX

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510 FORI=1TO2:B(I)=COS(A2(I))-COS(C2(I)):C(I)=SIN(C2(I)):A(I)=SIN(A2(I)):NEXTI
520 EC=B(1)*C(2)*COS(AZ(2))-B(2)*C(1)*COS(AZ(1))
530 ES=B(1)*C(2)*SIN(AZ(2))-B(2)*C(1)*SIN(AZ(1))
540 EK=B(2)*A(1)-B(1)*A(2)
550 LA=SQR(EC*EC+ES*ES):Y=ES:X=EC:GOSUB1460:AL=AT
560 Y=SQR(LA*LA-EK*EK):X=EK:GOSUB1460:KL=AT
570 SN=-1:FORI=1TO2:SN=-SN:NU=AL+SN*KL
580 Y=B(1):X=C(1)*COS(NU-AZ(1))+A(1):GOSUB1460:R=AT:R(I)=R
590 TH=TH(0):LM=LM(0):AZ=NU/RD:S=R*RE:GOSUB1330
700 REM SP=SIN(TH(0))*COS(R)+COS(TH(0))*SIN(R)*COS(NU)
710 REM TN=SP/SOR(1-SP*SP):TL(I)=ATN(TN):LT=ATN(TN)/(1-FL)/RD
720 REM Y=SIN(R)*SIN(NU):X=COS(TH(0))*COS(R)-SIN(TH(0))*COS(NU)*SIN(R)
730 REM GOSUB10400:LN=AT/RD+LM(0)
740 PRINT"MSOLUTION":I
750 SL(1,I)=P2:A=P2:GOSUB1480:NG#= " N":IFNS#="-"THENNG#=" S"
760 PRINT"    LATITUDE = ";N#(1);"/";N#(2);"/";N#(3):CHR$(34):NG#
770 SL(2,I)=Z2:A=Z2:GOSUB1480:NG#= " W":IFNS#=" "THENNG#=" E"
780 PRINT"    LONGITUDE = ";N#(1);"/";N#(2);"/";N#(3):CHR$(34):NG#
790 NEXTI
800 REM DISPLAY OPTIONS
810 PRINT"MIIMPROVE SOLUTION,
820 PRINT"NEW STATIONS OR
830 PRINT"SAME STATIONS?
840 GETC#:IFC#=""GOTO840
850 IFC#="S"GOTO520
860 IFC#="H"GOTO130
870 IFC#="I"GOTO840
880 REM COMPUTE IMPROVED SOLUTION BY ITERATION
890 PRINT"MIIMPROVE SOLUTION MI OR ME?
900 GETC#:IFC#=""GOTO900

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910 IFC#="1"GOTO930
920 IFC#<"2"GOTO900
930 C%=VAL(C#):HZ=1:PRINT"#####DKM":R=R(C%):TH=TH(0)
940 LM=LM(0):PH(3)=SL(1,C%):LM(3)=SL(2,C%):DR=1E-4
950 K1=0:K2=3:GOSUB1150:R=S2/AE:PQ=PZ
960 FORK1=1T02:GOSUB1150:A2(K1)=Q2(K1)-(PZ-PQ)/AY:F(K1)=S2/AE-R-A2(K1)
965 NEXTK1
970 PH(3)=PH(3)+DR
980 K1=0:GOSUB1150:P(1,1)=-S2/AE:P(2,1)=-S2/AE
990 FORK1=1T02:GOSUB1150:P(K1,1)=(P(K1,1)+S2/AE-A2(K1)-F(K1))/DR:NEXTK1
1000 PH(3)=PH(3)-DR:LM(3)=LM(3)+DR
1010 K1=0:GOSUB1150:P(1,2)=-S2/AE:P(2,2)=-S2/AE
1020 FORK1=1T02:GOSUB1150:P(K1,2)=(P(K1,2)+S2/AE-A2(K1)-F(K1))/DR:NEXTK1
1030 LM(3)=LM(3)-DR
1040 JK=P(1,1)*P(2,2)-P(1,2)*P(2,1)
1050 IFJK=0THENPRINT"JACOBIAN = 0. CANNOT IMPROVE":GOTO810
1060 DP=(F(1)*P(2,2)-F(2)*P(1,2))/JK:DL=(F(1)*P(2,1)-F(2)*P(1,1))/JK
1070 PH(3)=PH(3)-DP:LM(3)=LM(3)+DL
1080 A=PH(3):GOSUB1480:NO#="N":IFNS#="-"THENNO#="S"
1090 PRINT"  LATITUDE  = ";N#(1);"  ";N#(2);"/";N#(3);CHR$(34);NO#
1100 A=LM(3):GOSUB1480:NO#="W":IFNS#=" "THENNO#="E"
1110 PRINT"  LONGITUDE = ";N#(1);"  ";N#(2);"/";N#(3);CHR$(34);NO#
1120 IFABS(DP)>DRORABS(DL)>DRTHENPRINT:GOTO950
1130 GOTO810
1140 REM REVERSE SOLUTION
1150 FORI=K1TOK2STEPK2-K1:TH(I)=ATN((1-FL)*FNT(PH(I))):NEXTI
1160 TM=(TH(K1)+TH(K2))/2:DT=(TH(K2)-TH(K1))/2:DL=(LM(K2)-LM(K1))*RD:DM=DL/2
1170 H=COS(DT)*2-SIN(TM)*2:L=SIN(DT)*2+H*SIN(DM)*2:SD=2*ATN(SQR(L/(1-L)))
1180 U=2*(SIN(TM)*COS(DT)*2)/(1-L):V=2*(SIN(DT)*COS(TM)*2)/L
1190 X=U+V:Y=U-V:T=SD/SIN(SD):D=4*T*T:E=2*COS(SD):A=D*E:B=D+D
1200 C=T-(A-E)/2:H1=X*(A+C*X):H2=Y*(B+E*Y):N3=D**Y

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1210 D1=FL*(T*X-Y)/4 : D2=FL*FL*(M1-M2+M3)/64
1220 SN=AE*SIN(SD) : S2=SN*(T-D1+D2) : IFM2=060T01230
1225 PZ=FN*(S2) : IF S2<537 THEN PZ=FN*(S2)
1226 RETURN
1230 F=Y+Y-E*(4-X) : M=32*T-(20*T-A)*X-(B+4)*Y
1240 G=FL*T/2+FL*FL*M/64 : Q=- (F*G*TAN(DL))/4 : DP=(DL+Q)/2
1250 Y=-SIN(DT)*COS(DP) : X=COS(TM)*SIN(DP) : GOSUB1460 : T1=AT
1260 Y=COS(DT)*COS(DP) : X=SIN(TM)*SIN(DP) : GOSUB1460 : T2=AT
1270 A(1)=(T1+T2) : A(2)=(T1-T2) : RETURN
1280 REM DMS TO DEG
1290 S=SGN(L) : L=ABS(L)+1/36E6 : M1=INT(L) : M2=100*(L-M1)
1300 M3=INT(M2) : M4=100*(M2-M3)
1310 L=S*((M4/50+M3)/50+M1) : RETURN
1320 REM DIRECT SOLUTION
1330 M=COS(TH)*FNC(AZ)
1340 N=COS(TH)*FNC(AZ) : C1=FL*M : C2=FL*(1-M*M)/4 : D=(1-C2)*(1-C2-C1*M)
1350 P=C2*(1+C1*M/2)/D : Y=N : X=SIN(TH) : GOSUB1460 : SG=AT
1360 SD=S/(AE*D) : SU=2*(SG-SD) : W=1-2*P*COS(SU) : Y=COS(SU+SD)
1370 X=C2*C2*SIN(SD)*COS(SD)*(2*V*V-1)
1380 Y=2*P*V*W*SIN(SD) : DS=SD+X-Y : SS=SG+SG-DS
1390 Y=-M : X=- (N*COS(DS)-SIN(TH)*SIN(DS)) : GOSUB1460 : A2=AT
1400 P2=ATH((SIN(TH)*COS(DS)+N*SIN(DS))/SOR(X*X+Y*Y)/(1-FL))
1410 Y=SIN(DS)*FNC(AZ) : X=COS(TH)*COS(DS)-SIN(TH)*SIN(DS)*FNC(AZ)
1420 GOSUB1460 : DH=AT
1430 H=C1*(1-C2)*DS-C1*C2*SIN(DS)*COS(SS)
1440 DL=DH-H : Z2=LM+DL/RD : P2=P2/RD : IF Z2>180 THEN Z2=Z2-360
1450 RETURN
1460 AT=ATH(Y/(X-1E-9*(X=0)))-PI*(X<0) : RETURN : REM QTAN(Y,X) FUNCTION
1470 REM DEG TO DMS
1480 IF A<-180 THEN A=A+360
1485 NS#=" " : IF A<0 THEN NS#="-" : A=-A
1490 N(1)=INT(A) : A=50*(A-N(1))
1500 N(2)=INT(A) : N(3)=INT(60000*(A-N(2)))/1E3
1510 N#(1)=RIGHT#(STR#(1000+N(1)),3)
1520 N#(2)=RIGHT#(STR#(1000+N(2)),2)
1530 N#(3)=MID#(STR#(1000+N(3)),4,6)
1540 RETURN

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Coverage of Loran-C Systems

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5990	West Coast, Canada
7930	North Atlantic
7960	Gulf of Alaska
7970	Norwegian Sea
7980	Southeast U.S.A.
7990	Mediterranean Sea
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